

The Planning, Policy, and Design (PPD) Department ranked highly in three recent studies of planning or policy programs. PPD ranks:

- 5th in research production among 84 North American planning departments ⁽¹⁾
- 13th in citations to faculty research among 84 North American planning departments ⁽¹⁾
- 16th, from among over 90 planning departments ranked, according to a ranking based in part on a survey of planning practitioners ⁽²⁾
- 4th in faculty output for Public Administration and Policy programs ⁽³⁾
- 2nd in the “public health” specialization for Master of Urban and Regional Planning programs ⁽²⁾
- 9th in the “transportation planning” specialization for Master of Urban and Regional Planning programs ⁽²⁾

PPD competes favorably with the planning programs in the best Association of American University (AAU) member campuses. Of the top 20 planning programs in the Planetizen ranking, 16 are in AAU universities. Of those top 20 programs, PPD is the youngest by two decades or more.

**Planetizen top 20 Master of Urban and Regional Planning programs
(year program was founded is in parentheses)**

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| 1. MIT (1933) | 11. University of Michigan (1968) |
| 2. UC Berkeley (1948) | 12. Georgia Tech (1952) |
| 3. North Carolina – Chapel Hill (1946) | 13. Florida State (1965) |
| 4. Harvard (1923) | 14. University of Washington (1959) |
| 5. University of Pennsylvania (1950) | 15. University of Virginia (1964) |
| 6. UCLA (1969) | 16. UC Irvine (1992) |
| 7. Cornell (1935) | 17. Ball State (1977) |
| 8. Rutgers (1967) | 18. University of Cincinnati (1963) |
| 9. University of Southern California (1955) | 19. Columbia (1939) |
| 10. University of Illinois (1945) | 20. Ohio State (1958) |

The same pattern emerges when looking at the research productivity indicators from an article in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 2004. Summing the ranks for total publications and total citations shows that UC Irvine is among the top ten North American research departments in research output, while UC Irvine's planning faculty had the youngest profile in the youngest program of any of the departments in the top ten.

Combined Rank for Total Publications and Total Citations, North American Planning Departments

<i>Rank</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Percent Faculty Full Professor (as of 2004)</i>	<i>Year Program Founded</i>
1	UCLA	46%	1969
2	UC Berkeley	55%	1948
3	MIT	67%	1933
4	Cornell	50%	1935
5	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	47%	1946
6	University of Oregon	33%	1968
7	University of Southern California	60%	1955
8	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	43%	1945
9	UC Irvine	31%	1992
10	Virginia Tech	59%	1957

Sources:

(1) Stiftel, Rukmana, and Alam, "Faculty Quality at U.S. Graduate Planning Schools: A National Research Council-Style Study," *J. Plan Educ and Research*, 2004.

(2) Plantizen 2007 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs in the United States and Canada. Los Angeles, CA: Planetizen. Available at www.planetizen.com.

(3) Ranking produced by Academic Analytics, the index rates journal articles and books published by each program's faculty, as well as journal citations, awards, honors and grants received.